

**Section (c) - Remarks****Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 112**

Claims 15-27 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 15-27 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

1. Claims 23 and 24 are rejected because the phrase "in a manner similar to" renders the claims indefinite. Claims 23 and 24 have been amended to remove this language.
2. Claims 15-27 are rejected as being incomplete for omitting the structural elements which provide and maintain the hyperbaric oxygen to the vessel. Independent Claim 15 has been amended to include specific structural elements which provide and maintain the hyperbaric oxygen to the vessel.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant has addressed the Examiner's rejections by amending the claims to address the Examiner's concerns regarding definiteness in Claims 23 and 24 and completeness in Claims 15-27. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner issue a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,  
COX & SMITH INCORPORATED

Date: 1/9/04

By:

*Linda W. Browning*  
LINDA W. BROWNING  
Reg. No. 48,685  
112 East Pecan Street, Suite 1800  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
(210) 554-5489  
(210) 226-8395 (Fax)  
ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT